To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1435 without my signature.

The Public School Accountability Act advisory committee and the Superintendent of Public Instruction already have the authority to make the recommendations specified in this bill. Therefore, this bill is unnecessary. Furthermore, the California English Language Development Test would have to be substantially revised from its current form as a diagnostic test to be a valid and reliable academic achievement test before it should be considered for inclusion in the Academic Performance Index.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger